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1. PRIME MINISTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS DAY SPEECH (REFTEL C) PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL THAI VIEW ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THIS SHOULD BE READ BY ANYONE PLANNING OR PRESENTING HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS IN THAILAND. STATEMENT REFLECTS BELIEF THAT, IN SOME AREAS (E.G. LACK OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES), THAILAND'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IS BETTER THAN THAT OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES. STATEMENT ALSO REAFFIRMS THAILAND'S ESSENTIAL COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES.

2. PRIME MINISTER CITES RECENT THAI PROGRESS IN SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUDING AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RIGHT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PERSONS BEING TRIED BY MILITARY COURT).

3. DESPITE SENSITIVITIES, POST HAS SUCCESSFULLY PRESENTED TWO HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS IN ADDITION TO CIRCULATING CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL ON THIS SUBJECT. IN AUGUST, POST PROGRAMMED AMERICAN SPECIALIST RICHARD CLAUDE ON COMPARATIVE HUMAN RIGHTS. CLAUDE'S PRESENTATION INCLUDED SOME POINTS OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 4, REFTEL A. MORE RECENTLY,

POST'S AMERICAN STUDIES SEMINAR, "IMPACT OF RELIGION ON THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE," TRACED EVOLUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AMERICA (PARA 1, REFTTEL A), EARLIER IN THE YEAR, A SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE CONTAINED A SECTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. THERE IS LOCAL INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, BUT PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO THIS INTEREST MUST BE LOW-KEY AND NON-POLEMICAL. RATHER THAN HIGHLY VISIBLE TEAM OF THREE, POST WOULD PREFER SEPARATE OPTIONS WHICH COULD BE EXERCISED AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF SPEAKER QUALIFICATIONS, SPECIFIC TOPIC PROPOSALS, AND POSSIBILITY OF OVER-SATURATION. ONLY THREE OR FOUR DAYS WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SPEAKERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LIMITED BANGKOK AND, POSSIBLY, BRANCH POST PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES.
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